(d) The existing schemes for handicapped will be expanded during 8th Plan so that more persons may be benefitted under the schemes.

Statement

Number of Physically handicapped persons in the country

The following are the major institutions functioning in the country to provide vocational training/skill training to the physically handicapped.

1. 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres are functioning under the Ministry of Labour in various parts of the country exclusively for training of handicapped persons. A list of addresses of the VRCs is attached at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 21.] 3% reservation for the physically handicapped exists in all ITIs also.

2. Voluntary organisations have played a pioneering role in helping the handicapped in the country. A large number of special schools for the disabled, limb fitting centres and sheltered workshops are in the voluntary sector. Under the Ministry of Welfare's scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Disabled Persons, 68 voluntary organisations are receiving assistance for running vocational training facilities. A list of names and addresses of these organisations is at annexure. [*See* Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 22.]

3. Ministry of Welfare has also launched the District Rehabilitation Centre scheme as a pilot project to provide comprehensive and coordinated services including vocational rehabilitation for the disabled. So far 11 such District Rehabilitation Centres are functioning in different parts of the country.

The Ministry of Welfare has also set up four National Institutes for conducting research, training to teachers and para-medical staff and formulation of services modules in each area of disability. These institutes are National Institute of Orthopaedically Handicapped, Callcuta, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Bombay, the National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun and National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad. In addition there are the National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research, Cuttack and Institute for the Physically Handicapped, New Delhi.

Allotment of foodgrains to Maharashtra

569. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foodgrains i.e. rice, wheat, jowar etc. allotted to Maharasthra during the last six months for distribution through the Public Distribution System;

(b) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested for increase in the supplies ; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA) : (a) A statement indicating the required information in regard to rice and wheat is attached (*See* below). Jowar is not allocated from the Central Pool for PDS.

(b) and (c) Requests are received from time to time from the State Governments for enhancement of their monthly quota of

rice and wheat under PDS. However, allocations of rice and wheat from Central Pool are made to the various States/U.Ts. including Maharashtra on a month to month basis taking into account the stocks in the Central Pool, market availability, offtake trend, relative needs of States/UTs., and other related factors. These allocations are only supplemental in nature and are not intended to meet the entire requirement/demand of States/UTs.

Statement

Allocation of wheat and rice made to Maharashtra during the last six months for PDS.

(In '000 tonnes)

Month	Wheat	Rice
October, 1989	125·0	57·0
November, 1989	150·0	75·0
December, 1989	100·0	52·0
January, 1990	100·0	52·0
February, 1990	100·0	47·0
March, 1990	100·0	47·0

Allocation of foodgrains to Kerala

570. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state the allocations of food items made for the Kerala State for distribution through Public Distribution System during the last three months and the position during the corresponding months of the previous three years?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA) : A statement indicating the required information in regard to rice and wheat is attached. [*See* Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 23.]

Unemployed registered with the employment exchanges

571. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed in the live register of employment exchanges as per the latest assessment; and

(b) the placements made during the last three years and break up between public and private sector units, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) The number of job-seekers on the live Register of Employment Exchanges in the country, not all of whom are necessarily unemployed as on 31st December, 1989 was 327.76 lakhs.

(b) The number of placements effected through the Employment Exchanges sector-wise during 1986-1988 (latest available) was as under:—

Year	Placements (In thousands)		
	Public Sector	Private Sector	Total
1986	322.7	28.6	351.3
1987	307.9	26.5	334.4
1988	301.3	27.2	228.5